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TOXICITY OF VARIOUS INSECTICIDES TO THE IMPORTED FIRE ANT OUT 17 1500

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Plant Pest Control Division

Heptachlor, aldrin, dieldrin, and chlordane were shown to be effective as soil insecticides for controlling the imported fire ant (Solenopsis saevissima richteri Forel) by Blake et al.2 and Lofgren et al.3 However, use in the Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program was limited because of forage residues and potential hazards to wildlife. These problems made it necessary to exclude certain areas from large-scale treatment against this insect. As a result, a search was made for other insecticides that would adequately control the imported fire ant. This report presents results of tests conducted with various insecticides.

METHODS

The procedures used for the insecticide evaluations were described by Banks et al. Laboratory tests of candidate insecticides were made first at 10 p.p.m. in the soil. Materials giving more than 50-percent mortality of the imported fire ant at this level were then tested at 1.0 p.p.m. This procedure was repeated, reducing the concentration by tenfold increments, until a level was reached that gave less than 50-percent mortality after 96 hours.

Materials giving 90- to 100-percent mortality at 0.1 p.p.m. in the soil were considered promising for field testing against natural infestations of the imported fire ant. This criterion was used since this is the approximate toxicity of chlordane, the least effective of the commonly used insecticides.

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Of 118 insecticides evaluated in the laboratory for possible use as residual treatments against the imported fire ant, only about 10 percent showed sufficient promise to warrant field testing. The results of these evaluations are presented in table 1. The insecticides were classified as follows according to their toxicity, based on insect mortality after 96 hours:

Class

- I. Insecticides giving less than 50-percent mortality at 10 p.p.m.
- II. Insecticides giving less than 50-percent mortality at 1.0 p.p.m., but more than 50-percent mortality at 10 p.p.m.
- III. Insecticides giving less than 50-percent mortality at 0.1 p.p.m., but more than 50-percent mortality at 1.0 and 10 p.p.m.
- IV. Insecticides giving more than 50-percent mortality at 10, 1.0, and 0.1 p.p.m.

Results

Of the insecticides evaluated, 53 were in Class I, 33 in Class II, 16 in Class II, and 16 in Class IV. An untreated check was run in duplicate with each test. Average mortality in the untreated checks was 6.5 percent. The results of any test in which the check mortality exceeded 20 percent were discarded, and the materials were retested.

TABLE 1. -- Toxicity of various soil insecticides to the imported fire ant, based on mortality after 96 hours.

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Class I	Chemical name			Acetaldehyde, 2-(2-ethoxyethoxy) ethyl 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl	acetal.	a-Acetotoluidide, alpha, alpha,	Benzenesulfonic acid, p-chloro-,	p-chlorophenyl ester	Benzhydrol, 4,4'-dichloro-alpha-	Benzilic acid, 4,4'-dichloro-,	ethyl ester.	Bi-2,4-cyclopentadien-1-yl,	decachloro-	Butane, 1,1-bis(p-chlorophenyl)-2-	(p-chlorophenyl)-2-nitro- (2 to	l ratio).	a 0	yl ester.	Carbamic acid, dimethyl-,	Carbamic acid, methyl-, 4-	o-m-tolyl	Carbamic acid, methyl-, 4-	dimethylamino-3,5-xylyl ester	
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Class ICo	Carbamic acid, methyl-, 1-naphthyl ester.	(2-	Carbamic acid, methyl-, o-(2-	loromethyl phosphite	reaction product	Chrysanthemumic acid, 6- bromopioeronvl ester	-hydroxy-, benzyl	1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis ichloro-2-methoxyphenyl)	Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis (2.5-dimethoxyphenyl)	2,2-bis	(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl) Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis	(p-methoxyphenyl)	2,2,2-trichloro-	Glutaconic acid, 3-hydroxy-, dimethyl ester, diethyl phosphate	ic acid, yl ester,	4,7-Methanoinden-1-01, 4,5,6,7,8,	8—hexachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro	aphthalen 9-hexachl	
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Class ICon	1,4-Methanonaphthalene-5,8-dione, 1,2,3,4,9,9-hexachloro-1,4,4a,	l,3,4-Metheno-2H-cyclobuta [cd] pentalen-2-o1, 1,1a,3,3a,4,5,5,5a,5b,6-decachloro-2-(2,3,-	dihydrohypropoxy) octahydro	volume in Deobase)	2,5-Norbornadiene, 1,2,3,4,7,7-hexachloro-5,6-bis(chloromethyl)-	1-0xaspiro [4,4] nona-6,8-diene, 2,	Phenothiazine		Phosphonic acid, (ethylthio)	methylidyne tri-, hexaethyl ester	Phosphonic acid, [(ethylthio) (phenylthio)methylene di-,	Phosphonic acid, (mercaptomethyl idyne)tri-, hexaethyl ester,	Phosphonothioic acid, (chloro = methyl) -, 0-isobutyl ester, 0-	Phosphoric acid, 1-(dimethoxy=	Phosphoric acid, 1-(dimethoxy=phosphinyl)vinyl dimethyl ester.	
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Class IContinued	Phosphoric acid, dimethyl (4-methoxycarbonyl-1-methyl-1-	butenyl) ester.	dimethyl S-[2-(methylsulfinyl)= ethyl ester	Phosphorothioic acid, 0,0- diethyl S-2-(diethylamino)=	Phosphorodithioic acid, 0,0-	methyl) ester (46% soluble	concentrate,	(1,4,5,6,7,7-hexachloro-5-	methylethyl 0,0-dimethyl	Phosphorothioic acid, S-[(5-	methoxy-4-oxo-4H-pyran-2-y1)=	methyl 0,0-dimethyl ester Sodium hexafluoroaluminate		Sulfurous acid. 2-(n-tert-	butylphenoxy)isopropyl 2-	Coloroecny ester	alpha-trifluoro-3-nitro	m-roluidine, alpha, alpha- trifluoro-	s-Triazine-2,4,6(1H,3H,5H)-	
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Class IIContinued	2-Norbornene, 1,2,3,4,7,7-hexa=	6,9-Methano-2,4,3-benzo= dioxathiepin, 6,7,8,9,10,10- hexachloro-1,5,5a,6,9,9a-	hexahydro-, 3-oxide	4,7-Methanoindan, 4,5,6,7,8,8- hexachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-	2-Norbornene, 5-[(allylthio)methyl]	1,2,3,4,7,7-hexachloro	Phosphonic acid, (2,2,2-trichlorom l-butyryloxyethyl)-, dimethyl	ester	Phosphonic acid, (2,2,2-trichloro=	1-hydroxyethyl)-, dimethyl ester	Phosphonodithioic acid, S-p-tert-	butylphenyl, ethyl-, 0-ethyl ester	Phosphonothioic acid, (chlorom	methyl)-, O-isopropyl ester,	O-anhydride with disopropyl	phosphate	Phosphoric acid, 2-chloro-1-	(2,4-dichlorophenyl)vinyl	diethyl ester	Phosphoric acid, 2-chloroethyl		Phosphoric acid, 2,2-dichlorovinyl	dimethyl ester	Phosphoric acid, 2,2-bis(ethyl=	thio) vinyl diethyl ester	Phosphorodithioic acid, 0,0-	diethyl S-(isopropylcarbamoyl=	methyl) ester	Phosphorodithioic acid, 0,0-	dimernyl 2-purhatimidomernyl ester
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ntinued	Velsicol	10-00-01	Hercules 2032		Hercules 3004	General	Chemical	GC-3583	General	Chemical	GC-3582			36.53		Baver 38156			Bayer 37289		Stauffer	N-2230			Bayer 41831		Stauffer	N-2404			Bayer 30911	
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		Aldrin	Dieldrin Shell	52-RL-45		Velsicol 52-CS-64	Velsicol	53-CS-17	Velsicol 49-CS-56	Velsicol	48-CS-104	1-Bromoschlordene	1-Fluoros	chlordene	Velsicol 48-CS-99	
Class IV	1,4,5,8-Dimethanonaphthalene, 1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-1,	4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydro 1,4,5,8-Dimethanonaphthalene, 1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6, 7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a=	octahydro	Ethane, 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2=	4,7-Methanoindan, 1,2-dibromo-4,	5,6,7,8,8-hexachloro-3a,4,7, 7a-tetrahydro-	4,7-Methanoindan, 1,4,5,6,7,8,8-heptachloro-2,3-epoxy-3a,	4,7,7a-tetrahydro	8-hexachloro-1,2-epoxy-3a, 4,7,7a-tetrahydro-	2,3,4,5,6,	tetrahydro	5,6,7,8,8-hexachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-	4,7-Methanoindene, 4,5,6,7,8,8-hexachloro-1-fluoro-3a,4,	4,7-Methanoindene, 4,5,6,7,8,	8-hexachloro-3a,4,7,7a= tetrahydro	_
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18596	(chlorobenzilate)	5	25717	(Hooker HRS-1243)	28
20871	(sesamex)	1	25718	(Pentac ®)	6
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23648	(Kelthane®)	22	25758	(Stauffer B-8778)	38
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				18682)	78
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21557	(barthrin)	60	24954	(Monsanto CP-13206)	81
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	8305)	88	25713	(Bayer 38156)	97
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24585	(Hercules 3004)	93	25754	(Stauffer N-2230)	99
24586	(Hercules 3653)	96	25755	(Stauffer N-2404)	101
24967	(General Chemical		27006	(Velsicol 49-CS-51)	91
	GC-3582)	95	27040	(Hooker HRS-1362)	90
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	GC-3583)	94			
25500	(Union Carbide UC-				
	10854)	87			
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15156	(Velsicol 52-CS-64)		25719	(mirex)	118
15949	(aldrin)	103	25960	(1-Bromochlordene)	111
16225	(dieldrin)	104	27003	(Velsicol 48-CS-35)	115
17713	(Velsicol 49-CS-56)	109	27005	(Velsicol 48-CS-104)	110

USE PESTICIDES SAFELY

If you use pesticides, apply them only when needed and handle them with care. Follow the directions and heed all precautions on the container label. If pesticides are handled or applied improperly, or if unused portions are disposed of improperly, they may be injurious to humans, domestic animals, desirable plants, honey bees and other pollinating insects, fish, and wildlife, and may contaminate water supplies.

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